

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, line 23, to page 4, line 2, to read as follows:

Certain information server configurations in accordance with the invention include one or more computers, each computer connected to communicate through a Fibre Channel controller with a mass storage array comprising a plurality of bypass circuit boards, at least some of which are connected to an information storage device. In one embodiment, the controller provides a dual loop communications channel comprising two complete communication paths to each of bypass circuit boards and associated storage devices. In another embodiment, the controller provides a single loop which traverses the bypass circuit boards and any associated storage devices twice. In ~~[[a]]~~ one configuration with two or more computers, the Fibre Channel controller connected to each computer communicates with the mass storage array through a Fibre Channel controller bypass card.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, line 27, to page 9, line 3, to read as follows:

Figure 3 illustrates an embodiment of the mass storage array 200 of Figure 1 in greater detail as it could be configured with a single computer server 100 and one or more mass storage modules 202. Referring to ~~Figure 2~~ Figures 1 and 3, the mass storage array 200 includes one or more modules 202A, 202B ... 202n, each of which is preferably

identical architecturally, although they may contain different numbers of storage devices and different types of storage devices. Each module 202 includes bypass circuit boards 210A, 210B ... 210n and at least some storage devices 212A, 212B 212n connected to the boards 210. In addition, [[a]] each storage device is preferably provided with an associated read/write switch 214A, 214B ... 214n, respectively.